

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed October 8, 2004. Applicant notes that claims 35-40 were allowed in the Office Action. By this Amendment, claims 8, 11, 13, and 15-24 are amended; claims 1-7, 9-10, 12, and 41-43 are cancelled; and claims 44-54 are newly presented. Claims 8, 11, 13-40 and 44-54 are pending in this application. It is noted that Applicant has amended and cancelled the above-identified claims solely to advance prosecution of the instant application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, no admission may be inferred from the amendments of claims herein. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the originally filed claims in the future.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 21 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. With this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 21 and 22 to incorporate the limitations of claims of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these independent claims are now in condition for allowance. Claims 8, 11, 13-20 depend from claim 21 and recite additional limitations; Applicant respectfully submits that these dependant claims are also in conditioned for allowance. With this response, Applicant has submitted new claims 44-54 which are similar to the dependent claims recited above. Claims 44-54 depend from claim 22 and recite additional limitations. Applicant submits that these newly presented dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 24 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that “the head” and “the base” lacked

the necessary antecedent basis. With this response, Applicant has amended claim 24 to recite "the cam" and "the shoe." Claim 24 provides an antecedent basis for these elements by reciting "a cam" and "a shoe." In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 24 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 25-34 depend from claim 24 and recite additional limitations; Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the amendments describe above, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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